

# FIND ISHIDA GUILTY, SENTENCED TO 'LIFE'

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Ishida's visit to him. I believe Ishida knew murder was wrong, in the abstract, but a man may be in such a mental condition that he may be able to persuade himself that murder in a particular instance is right. If he did so persuade himself and killed a man during that abnormal process of reasoning, I should say that he did not know the difference between right and wrong at that particular moment. I think that the murder was an insane act, that is, I have no other explanation for it."

During direct examination by

Prosecutor Hartman, Dr. Brush said that he believed that when Ishida talked to him directly following the crime he knew what the consequences of his firing the pistol were and that he knew the jeopardy in which he had placed himself.

Was Always Rational.

Dr. Brush said that neither in word, action or deed had Dr. Ishida ever shown any symptoms of mental derangement or irresponsibility during his residence at the hospital. He said that on the four occasions when Dr. Ishida complained to him about Dr. Wolff, he had believed that Dr. Ishida accepted his explanation. After the murder was committed, he was in grave doubt about it. He said the very fact that Dr. Ishida had tried to secure a warrant for Dr. Wolff's arrest was evidence that Dr. Ishida was laboring under delusions about Dr. Wolff.

Asked to assume that all the facts in the trial were true, Dr. Brush said he would be forced to concede that Dr. Ishida was of unsound mind on the day of the murder, but that he had not yet determined what form of insanity it was.

Contrary to all expectations, neither Attorney Hale or Grayson argued their case before the court. They rested their case with their highly successful cross-examination of Dr. Brush.

When court opened today Ishida found himself in as curious legal tangle as ever confronted the defendant in any murder trial—a tangle woven by eight of the State's most noted alienists, many of whom knew him personally, and several of whom had worked and studied with him at Johns Hopkins.

On one side were two men who emphatically declared he was violently insane at the time of the crime and at the present time an incurable paranoiac.

Thinks Him Responsible.

Two other experts, while admitting he was probably the victim of delusions, went on record as believing he knew the difference between right and wrong, and should be held legally responsible for his crime.

Another went still farther, and not only declared him sane at the present time, but characterized the entire defense as "a feigned and fabricated affair," the work of a celebrated hooded murderer, who used his skill and knowledge in mental diseases deliberately to simulate the symptoms and acts of a paranoiac for the purpose of later using that defense to escape the consequences.

And while controversy between experts and lawyers waxed hotter and more intense, the man who seems to care least of all what the result of the entire proceedings may be is the weary-looking little Japanese whom the fuss is all about. Sane, or insane, guilty or not guilty, alive or dead, Ishida seems to think little, and to care less. Practically buried in the crowd that fills the bar enclosure, and almost invisible even to the eyes of the judge who must decide his case, Ishida has not taken the slightest apparent interest in the progress of his trial. He has uttered not a single word since his plea of "not guilty" on the opening day. He has not made a single suggestion to his attorneys or conferred with them in any way.

Crowd Hates Him.

To practically every spectator in this courtroom, which is packed from morning until night, he is a hated Japanese whom they would gladly assist to the gallows for the crime he has committed against one of their

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feigned letter. "I don't believe it is anything but a feigned letter, and I won't even try to base an opinion on the assumption that it is other than a feigned letter."

In the midst of the controversy in which Dr. Berkley, Mr. Grason and Prosecutor Hartman all tried to talk at once, to the great discomfort of the court stenographer, Judge Burke intervened, many in the court room reading special significance into his ruling.

"I am going to rule that you cannot go any further with this witness," Judge Burke said, smilingly, "and I believe I am helping you in so doing. This man has said your client is sane. If you force him to say he is insane that would compel us to find him insane at the present time, and send him to an insane asylum for the rest of his life."

Twenty Years' Experience.

Dr. Berkley, who is clinical professor of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins, had met Ishida at dinner and had also sat on the back seat of an automobile with him prior to the murder. At the City Hospital he said he handled at least 350 cases of insanity every year and has done so for the past 20 years.

He was not the first witness to characterize the "documentary evidence" of the State a fabrication. Dr. Dunton, in whose office the murder took place, branded all of Ishida's writings just prior to the murder as part of the premeditation in committing the crime.

"These letters only strengthen my belief that Ishida is legally responsible for his act," he told Attorney Grason in cross-examination, "because I believe most of them are fabricated."

Compelled, for the purpose of inquiry, to assume they are genuine, Dr. Dunton admitted that they show a paranoiac condition on the part of the writer.

He admitted that, were the letters written by a patient of his, he would not release him from custody, on the theory that because of these delusions, he would not be a fit person to be at large.

Talked Rationally.

"I am basing my statement that Ishida was responsible for his crime," Dr. Dunton qualified, "on the fact that, during the period that these letters sent to Japan cover, Ishida gave no indication in his intercourse with me that there was anything wrong with him, and, although it is a fact that delusions can be concealed, I do not believe there were any delusions to conceal in this particular instance. If he did have these delusions, he is, of course, insane. I never made an

examination of him, nor observed him to his satisfaction through the course of these delusions without my knowing it."

Interrogated by the court, Dr. Dunton explained that there are "degrees of delusion," and that a man may have delusions and still be able to distinguish between right and wrong.

The big gun in the defense battery was Dr. Charles J. Hill, for 19 years a physician, graduate of George Washington University and specialist in nervous and mental diseases for the past forty years. He is the head of Mt. Hope Retreat, an institution for the insane, and a lecturer on the subject both at Baltimore Medical College and the University of Maryland.

Knows Accused Personally.

Dr. Hill upset the dignity of the court by declaring at the outset that paranoiac is a very common disease, both inside and outside of insane asylums. He, too, knew Ishida personally, having met him at the Chicago meeting of the National Medical-Psychological Association, and at a meeting of the Baltimore City Medical Society only a few days before the murder. The irony of Ishida's fall from high to low estate was never better illustrated than when the witness added that the next time he saw him was in the Towson Jail.

He described Ishida as being in a disheveled condition and reluctant to talk when he visited him nine days after the murder. To him, Ishida told the same story of persecution by Dr. Wolff which has been repeated so many times during the progress of the trial.

"I decided," Dr. Hill declared, "that the man was suffering delusional mania. All his statements and impressions led to that conclusion and his letter, dated, December 16, and sent to Japan five days before the murder, forms a very good clinical description of a paranoiac. Paranoiac is a form of insanity, the characteristic features of which are persecutory ideas, egotistical self-aggrandizement, love infatuations, litigious tend-

## Nurse Who Rejected Love Of Japanese Alienist



MISS BILLIE S. JACOBS The nurse for whose name Dr. Norbu Ishida, Japanese scientist, says has shot and killed Dr. George B. Wolff.

ment of the crime, he had still retained enough of his reason to control himself. Suddenly that control broke. It was a paroxysm of acute insanity, arising on a long course of paranoiac. He told me he had not intended to kill Dr. Wolff until he saw him that morning, and suddenly felt he had to shoot him.

"Removed from all source" of his persecution, it was not unnatural that he would improve in mental health while in the jail, but the paranoiac is still there, and will be until the end of his life.

Prosecutor Hartman, in cross-examination immediately tried to bring out that Ishida might have been very cleverly and cunningly feigning insanity and have "fooled" the doctor completely.

"It is very difficult for a sane man to feign insanity," the doctor replied, "but the insane feigning sanity can sometimes get away with it for a great many years."

If Ishida, feigned insanity, he made a very clumsy job of it. I have found in treating medical men who become insane that they lose all sense of applying their knowledge to themselves. For instance, he says of himself that he is neurasthenic when he isn't at all. An alienist feigning insanity, would be almost certain to copy some case or to trespass on the text books. If you want to read Dr. Ishida's own book on insanity you would probably find no citation of any case like his own. On the contrary, I believe he considered himself the most sane man in the community and he couldn't understand why other people did not feel toward Dr. Wolff as he did.

Attorney Hartman then wanted to know if jealousy isn't a disease in itself.

"It can be," answered Dr. Hill, much to the delight of the spectators who take advantage of every opportunity for a laugh and seem to think a murder trial is a cross between a circus and a music hall. "In Ishida's case, however, the jealousy was insane and groundless. A normal jealousy is bad, but it usually has some foundation. In Ishida's case, Dr. Wolff had no foundation in fact. Therefore it was a delusion."

Dr. Hill admitted that a person could have delusions and still know the difference between right and wrong. With Dr. Hill's testimony, the defense closed its case.

The experts for the prosecution were immediately called to rebut both his testimony and that of Dr. Oliver. When the four men relied upon by the prosecution, took the position that they would not go beyond the formal report of their commission as a body, the prosecution was forced to be content with their statement that Ishida was a sane man on February 5, with no testimony forthcoming as to his condition on December 31, the date of the murder.

19. SENTENCED AS BURGLAR.

PHILADELPHIA, March 20.—Raymond L. Leiby, 21 years, was sentenced to not less than fifteen years nor more than fifty years, after he had pleaded guilty to committing a number of burglaries here.

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"I am convinced that Ishida didn't know right from wrong when he killed Dr. Wolff, and that he is not responsible. The crime occurred during a paroxysm of the disease, or brainstorm. He had several opportunities to kill Dr. Wolff before he did so. I believe that, up to the mo-

## LOOK TO PRESIDENT IN WAR RISK CRISIS

That President Wilson will act to prevent the possible disruption of the efficiency of the War Risk Insurance Bureau, because of lack of maintenance funds, was the opinion expressed today by J. J. Shouse, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

"A favorable reply to the appeal made to the President for funds in tide the finances of the bureau over until the next Congress meets is anticipated by the time Secretary Glass returns to Washington on Sunday or Monday," said Mr. Shouse.

"If the President tells us he can supply but a portion of the necessary money out of his \$100,000,000 war emergency fund, it is possible that the remainder can be obtained through some plan approved by Secretary Glass."

The 17,000 civil service employees of the War Risk Bureau, who became uneasy when between 1,800 and 2,000 contract clerks were dismissed a few days ago, should not be too apprehensive. The Treasury Department has depended upon to meet the situation.

The crisis in the War Risk Insurance Bureau came about because funds for the maintenance of the agency were not appropriated by the last Congress.

PLAN TO REGULATE U. S. MEAT SUPPLY

A central committee to exercise control over the meat packing industry, and regulate transportation to control the maintenance of the agency were not appropriated by the last Congress.

The membership of the control committee would be composed of one member from the bureau of animals of the United States Department of Agriculture, two from the National Live Stock Exchange, two packers and ten producers, representing the cattle, hog and sheep industries, with alternates, total of twenty-three. The committee would have authority to add one representative of the stockyards and one of the railroads if it sees fit.

It is suggested that the proposed committee meet once each month in Chicago to take such measures as would tend to stabilize live stock receipts at the various markets and to study one another's problems, adjust grievances and inaugurate such system as would be helpful to the producer, the packer, and the consumer.

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